6. **Welfare of fishermen**

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Construction of houses @ Rs. 40,000/- per dwelling unit.

(b) Saving-cum-relief @ Rs. 600/- per annum per fishermen for marine and @ Rs. 450/- per annum per fishermen for inland.

(c) Accident insurance—Insurance premium is subsidized.

Monsoon Failure

1040. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 10th July, 2002 captioned, "Rains elusive, drought cloud over Rajasthan and people in Madhya Pradesh praying to rain gods";

(b) whether the monsoon has failed this year to keep its June-end date in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, which are reeling under a hot, sultry spell; and

(c) if so, what relief measures Government propose to give to farmers and save crops from monsoon failure in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Parts of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have been affected by delayed rainfall during current South-west monsoon period.

(c)The situation is constantly monitored for suitable action. Under the items and norms of assistance for expenditure out of Calamity Relief Funds (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), input subsidy is admissible to small and marginal farmers whose crops are damaged by 50% or more. Farmers are also entitled to compensation for damaged crops, under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).